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1. Location: In the western part of KALININGRAD (37°46'E/55°55'N), about a mile east of road and KALININGRAD-MOSCOW railroad line, about 1,600 feet north of an emergency airfield, about 1,000 feet to the north of a saw-mill. The northern, western, and southern part of the surroundings consisted of woodland, mainly pine forest.
2. Extension and organization of the plant (see sketch 1):

Departments: Administration
V-weapon production
Steelplates production
Electrical station
Workshop section.

All the buildings were painted white. The boilerhouse and electric power station were of red brick.
3. Machinery equipment: In "Part II" of the plant lathes, planers, and (automatic) boring and drilling machines; origin could not be traced; machines were mounted on and screwed to concrete bases. There were also several cranes (electric). In the workshop, lifting power unknown. There were one large and two small hammer works of Soviet origin, one large press (electric drive), one American cutting machine, two large and three small furnaces, three or four electric cranes.
4. Names and designations: Present and former name and number of plant were not known. According to Soviet workers, it was formerly a German machine factory.
5. Local management: a. The general manager of the plant was a Russian in uniform, about 45 years old, a tall and strong man. The majority of the leading personalities were Army

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men (Army and Air Force men in uniform among them), senior officers, also generals.

b. There were also about 40 to 50 German engineers in the plant, who lived inside the plant area in German railroad living coaches. They were employed for the manufacture of V-weapons in "Part II".

6. Plant history: The plant existed before the war and had sustained only slight damage in the war. After the war it was expanded, especially "Part II", where the V-weapons were made. A women's settlement of Finnish houses was erected. Other expansion work was not observed.

7. Labor: a. About 18,000 to 20,000, most of them Soviets, mostly compulsorily engaged and compelled to stay for two to three years. Ukrainians and Caucasians were predominant. The number of women, who worked chiefly in offices, was estimated at about 200 to 300. Two to three percent of the workers were juveniles.

b. The social conditions were very bad at that time (prior to the currency reform). An ordinary worker earned about 500 rubles a month; 2.2 pounds of bread cost 3 rubles; 2.2 pounds of fat, 60 rubles. Nearly all the workers lived in town but will now probably be accommodated in the newly erected settlements. Their bad clothing was particularly striking. The workers often asked the PWs for bread. The German engineers received an average monthly salary of 5,000 rubles; accommodation and heating were free.

8. Organization of work: Work was done in three 8-hour shifts. Both mechanical and manual working methods were used.

Process of manufacture: Assembly lines were not observed.

9. Kind and quantity of products:

a. PWs said that "Part II" was producing V-weapons. In March 1947, the following bodies, called V-2, were observed (sketch 2): Shape of a bomb with two wings on the sides and a wing-shaped contrivance fitted to the hull. The forward end does not form an outspoken point, but is more or less rounded; the two wings were slightly bevelled. Length about 33 feet, diameter about 6.5 to 10 feet.

b. Fellow PWs said heavy mortars were built in the iron mill (hammer work) but no details were known.

c. Steel plates.

10. Disposal of production: The steel plates were generally shipped during the night.

11. Energy supply: A large high voltage line led into the plant.

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12. Raw material and semi-finished products: Raw material arrived by rail and was stored in the open air or in storerooms. It included iron ingots, about 7.9 inches wide and high, 4.9 to 6.6 feet long; round iron, 3.3 to 6.6 feet long, diameter 6 inches; also large steel sheets of surface dimensions 6.6 inches x 6.6 inches, thickness 0.04 to 1.6 inches. Their origin and quantity were unknown. As far as could be judged, it was of very good quality. A Soviet once said it contained a lot of Swedish material.
13. The experimental ground was southeast of the plant, as concluded from the whistling noises and the statements of German engineers.
14. Protection of the plant: The plant was surrounded by a 10-foot stone wall; each gate was guarded by carbine-armed members of the plant protection unit (women); at each corner of the plant there was a watch tower manned by women. "Part II" of the plant was particularly guarded by sentries of the Soviet Army armed with carbines and submachine guns.

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Comment:

- a. The statements confirm a previous reports on the large rocket plant in KALININGRAD.
- b. Para 9 shows that the Soviets also use the winged large rocket A 4b. However, the report does not show whether this single piece still came from the German production or whether it was a Soviet product.
- c. At the time of observation (June 1947), the plant was probably still in the installation stage, as may be gathered also from 9, b and c, mentioning the additional manufacture of mortars and armored plates and para 12 (storage of material).

2 Annexes: 1. V-Weapon Plant in KALININGRAD.

2. V-2 Weapon.

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- * Comment: stated that the number of workers consisted of from 4,000 - 6,000 Soviets, and from 1,000 - 2,000 PWs.

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